## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force section 179 of Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 ("the 2010 Act"). It also makes a related saving provision.

Article 2 brings section 179 of the 2010 Act into force on 30th March 2018. Section 179 of the 2010 Act amends section 20 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act"), relating to applications for premises licences. The amendments make provision in relation to the requirement that an application for a premises licence must also be accompanied by a disabled access and facilities statement (as well as an operating plan , a layout plan and any required certificates). The said statement is to be in a prescribed form and contain information about provisions for access to the subject premises by disabled persons, facilities provided therein for the use by disabled persons and any other provision made on or in connection with the subject premises for disabled persons.

Article 3 makes a saving provision in relation to applications for premises licences received by Licensing Boards on or before 30th March 2018 and which have not yet been determined. It provides that such applications do not require to be accompanied by a disabled access and facilities statement.

The Bill for the 2010 Act received Royal Assent on 6th August 2010. Sections 201, 202, 204, 205 and 206 of the 2010 Act came into force the following day.